

Abigail Echo-Hawk (Pawnee), MA, is the Executive Vice President of Seattle Indian Health Board and the Director of their data and research division, Urban Indian Health Institute. She serves on the Robert Wood Johnson Public Health Data National Commission, the University of Washington Population Health Initiative External Advisory Board, the Data for Indigenous Justice Board, and many other boards and committees related to data justice and health equity. She also served on the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) committee to create A Framework for Equitable Allocation of Vaccine for the Novel Coronavirus in 2020.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, Abigail's voice has been front and center on a national level, ensuring that the urban Native community is represented in data collection. Seattle Indian Health Board has been a leader in the COVID-19 response directly because of Abigail's leadership and vision. She has co-authored numerous peer-reviewed articles including two for the CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report on COVID-19 among American Indian and Alaska Native people and was lead author on a report about the data genocide of American Indians and Alaska Natives in COVID-19 data.

Abigail has also led the way in bringing the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) to the forefront, leading directly to federal, state, and local legislation working to protect Native women. She serves on the Washington State Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People Taskforce, which she was instrumental in bring to fruition.

Abigail earned her Bachelor of Arts in American Studies with a minor in Human Rights and her Master of Arts in Policy Studies both from the University of Washington. She is a researcher and policy professional specializing in tribal government and urban Indian relations. She successfully leads teams of public health professionals to develop culturally competent and culturally relevant NIH-, CDC-, and HHS-funded health and policy interventions with tribal and urban Indian communities across the country.

**Abigail L. Echo-Hawk**  
**Citizen of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma**

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**SUMMARY**

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I have a continuous record of accomplishment as a research and policy professional, specializing in tribal government and urban Indian relations.

I sit on multiple boards and advisory committees as the cultural and tribal government expert and outreach specialist. I have also successfully led teams of Native and non-Native public health professionals to develop health and policy interventions with tribal communities across the United States.

I have provided cultural expertise on working with rural and urban Native American communities for many agencies. These services include: facilitating focus groups and community meetings to gather input and disseminate information, providing training for those new to working in tribal communities and tribal government relations, and advising on the implementation of \$450 million in grant and public levy funds.

Additionally, I am an experienced print and television media spokesperson with national credits including NPR and Associated Press.

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**EDUCATION**

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**Master of Arts in Policy Studies, University of Washington, Bothell, WA – June 2009**

**Bachelor of Arts, University of Washington, Seattle, WA – 2007 American Studies with a Minor in Human Rights**

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**MANAGEMENT**

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<b>Seattle Indian Health Board</b> <i>Executive Vice President</i>	<b>12/2020- Present</b>
<b>Seattle Indian Health Board</b> <i>Chief Research Officer</i>	<b>10/2017 – 12/2020</b>
<b>Urban Indian Health Institute</b> <i>Director</i>	<b>10/2016 – Present</b>
<b>Washington State University</b> <b>Partnerships for Native Health</b> <i>Co-Director</i> <i>Affiliate Professor, College of Nursing</i>	<b>09/2015 – 10/2016</b>

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**LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Medical Association (AMA) Center for Health Equity Research Advisory Group	2023- Present
Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council	2022- Present
National Academies on Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) Committee on Racial and Ethnic Health Inequalities	2022- Present
Washington State Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People Taskforce	2021- Present
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) National Commission to Transform Public Health Data Systems	2021
University of Washington Population Health Initiative External Advisory Board	2021- Present
King County Racism as Public Health Crisis Community Oversight Committee	2021- Present
National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) American Indian and Alaska Native Collaborative Research Engagement Workgroup	2020- 2021
Data for Indigenous Justice Board	2020- Present
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Health Equity Advisory Board	2019
King County Board of Health, Public Approach to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence Prevention and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women	2019

NIH All of Us Precision Medicine Tribal Advisory Board	2018- Present
Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Dental Health Aid Therapist Education Advisory Committee	2017-Present
March of Dimes, Health Equity Workgroup	2017-2022
King County, Children and Youth Advisory Board	2016- 2022
Center for Indigenous Law and Justice	2015- Present
Native American Women in Dialogue on Infant Mortality	2010- Present

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## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Pete, D., Erickson, S. L., Jim, M. A., Hatcher, S. M., **Echo-Hawk, A.**, Dominguez, A.E. (2022). COVID-19 Among Non-Hispanic American Indian and Alaska Native People Residing in Urban Areas Before and After Vaccine Rollout-Selected States and Counties, United States, January 2020-October 2021. *American Journal of Public Health*. 2022; 112(10):1489-1497. DOI #: 10.2105.

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Arrazola J., Masiello MM., Joshi S., **Echo-Hawk, A.**, et al. COVID-19 Mortality Among American Indian and Alaska Native Persons — 14 States, January–June 2020. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep*. 2020;69(49):1853-6.

Hatcher SM., Agnew-Brune C., Anderson M., **Echo-Hawk, A.**, et al. COVID-19 Among American Indian and Alaska Native Persons — 23 States, January 31–July 3, 2020. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep*. 2020;69(34):1166-9.

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Blacksher E, Nelson C, Van Dyke E, **Echo-Hawk A**, Bassett D, Buchwald D. (2016) Conversations about Community-based Participatory Research and Trust: "We are Explorers Together". *Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action*. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27346777>.

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Lin, C., Stephens, K. A., Baldwin, L., Keppel, G. A., Whitener, R. J., & **Echo-Hawk, A.**, Korngiebel, D. (in press). Developing governance for federated community-based EHR data sharing. *AMIA Summits Translational Science Proceedings*. PMC Journal.

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## REPORTS

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Polansky, L. and **Echo-Hawk, A.** Urban Indian Health Institute, Seattle Indian Health Board (2021). Building the Sacred: An Indigenous Evaluation Framework for Programs Serving Native Survivors of Violence. Seattle, WA: Urban Indian Health Institute.

Baker, L. Goforth-Ward, M. May, K. **Echo-Hawk, A.** Urban Indian Health Institute, Seattle Indian Health Board (2021). Supporting the Sacred: Womxn of Resilience. Seattle, WA: Urban Indian Health Institute.

Apok CA, Villegas M, **Echo-Hawk A.** Potts JJ. We are calling to you: Alaska's missing and murdered Indigenous womxn and girls . Data for Indigenous Justice.  
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## KEY PRESENTATIONS

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- American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Conference- Plenary, October 2022
- CityMatch Leadership and MCH Epidemiology Conference- Closing Plenary, September 2022
- Public Health Law Practitioner Convening: Afternoon Plenary: “Rebuilding after COVID, addressing systemic issues with practical examples involving law and policy,” August 2022
- National Network of Public Health Institutes Annual Conference: Keynote. May 2022
- School of Data Science- Datapalooza 2022: “Advancing Health Equity Panel,” April 2022.

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## AWARDS

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- Pass it on Giving Circle for Womxn Leaders Award, 2023
- University of Washington Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Service Award, 2022
- Native Action Network, Sister Spirit Award, 2021
- 25<sup>th</sup> Annual National Indian Women's Supporting Each Other, Woman of the Year, 2020
- The Seattle Globalist, Globalist of the Year, 2019
- Washington State Public Health Association Secretary of Health Award, 2019
- Coalition to End Gender-Based Violence, Take Action Award, 2019
- National Organization of Women, Rising Shero Award, 2018
- University of Washington, Bothell, Hall of Alumni Excellence Award, 2017
- National Center for American Enterprise Development, Native American 40 Under 40 Award, 2015
- National Indian Health Board, Local Impact Award, 2015
- University of Washington, Distinguished Staff of the Year, 2014
- University of Washington, Bothell Distinguished Alumna of the Year, 2011
- University of Washington, Seattle, 1-year Research Merit Award, 2008
- YWCA Washington, Volunteer of the Year Award, 2007